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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: CASC, TW

SUBJECT: US CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO COMMUNICATE WITH EMBASSY

REFERENCE: (A) TAIPEI 987  
(B) STATE 35312

1. WE HAVE NO SURE EXPLANATION OF THE DIFFERING VERSIONS MRS. WANG HAS GIVEN OF THE POLICE'S REACTION TO HER REQUEST TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY DURING HER INTERROGATION BEYOND HER OWN STATEMENT TO US THAT SHE FELT SOMEWHAT INTIMIDATED BY THE POLICE. MRS. WANG DESCRIBED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE INTERROGATION TO US ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS ALONG THE LINES OF REF B AND SUBSEQUENTLY WE HAVE RECEIVED A WRITTEN STATEMENT ABOUT HER EXPERIENCES ON THIS MOST RECENT TRIP TO TAIWAN WHICH INCLUDES A DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERROGATION ALONG SAME LINES. (COPY BEING POUCHED EMBASSY). SHE DOES NOT STRIKE DEPTOFF WHO HAS TALKED TO HER ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AS A DECEITFUL OR DEVIOUS PERSON.

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2. DEPT HAS ALREADY APPROACHED ROC EMBASSY ON FRIEDMAN AND WANG CASES. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH FIRST SECRETARY CHEN CHIEN-JEN ON FEBRUARY 22, DEPTOFF DESCRIBED DEMARCHE

BEING MADE IN TAIPEI PER PARA 3 REF B. WHEN CHEN ASKED INTER ALIA WHETHER DEPT BELIEVED MRS. WANG'S ACCOUNT, WE REPLIED THAT DEPARCHE WAS BEING MADE ON

THE BASIS OF HER STATEMENT, THAT WE HAD NO WAY TO CONFIRM OR DENY HER ACCOUNT AND THAT WE WOULD WELCOME ANY EXPLANATION THE ROC HAD. LATER IN THE DAY, CHEN PHONED BACK TO SAY THAT EMBASSY WAS REPORTING DEPT'S APPROACH TO TAIPEI AND TO STATE FOR THE RECORD THE ROC EMBASSY'S PRESUMPTION THAT MRS. WANG WAS PROBABLY LYING.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD RAISE MRS. WANG'S CASE WITH MOFA. WE CONCUR IN YOUR MAKING THE APPROACH IN THE CONDITIONAL CONTEXT DESCRIBED PARA 3 REF A.  
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